図 001/015

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

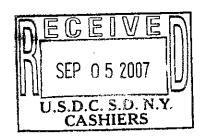
CPM CORPORATION LIMITED,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ELFRA LTD. and SARNICO TRADING S.A.,

Defendants.



07 Civ. 07336 (RJH)

ECF CASE

AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, CPM CORPORATION LIMITED ("CPM" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, as and for its Amended Verified Complaint against the Defendants, ELFRA LTD. ("Elfra") and SARNICO TRADING S.A., ("Samico") (collectively referred to as "Defendants") alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

- This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the 1. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
- At all times material to this action, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity organized and existing under the laws of Hong Kong.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendants were, and still are, foreign corporations, or other business entities organized and existing under foreign law.
- 4. At all material times, Defendant Elfra was the Owner of the motor vessel "SEA POWER" (hereinafter the "Vessel").
 - By a charter party dated July 14, 2006 Plaintiff chartered the Vessel from Elfra. 5.
- Pursuant to the charter party, Plaintiff had a duty to pay hire to Elfra 15 days in 6. advance.

- 7. During the course of the charter, Plaintiff overpaid hire to Elfra. See hire statement annexed hereto as Exhibit "1."
- 8. As a result of Elfra's breach of charter party contract, Plaintiff has sustained damages in the principal amount of \$137,812.14, exclusive of interest, arbitration costs and attorneys fees.
- 9. Pursuant to the charter party, all disputes arising thereunder are to be submitted to arbitration in Hong Kong with English Law to apply.
- 10. Despite due demand, Elfra has failed and/or refused to pay the sums due and owing to Plaintiff.
 - 11. Thus, Plaintiff is preparing to commence arbitration proceedings on its claims.
- 12. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in proceedings subject to English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts in the Final Arbitration Award(s):

Α.	Principal claim:	\$137,812.14s
B.	Interest on claims: 3 years at 6.5%, compounded quarterly	\$29,410.16
C.	Estimated attorneys' fees and expenses:	\$45,000.00
D.	Estimated arbitration costs:	\$25,000.00
		\$237,222,30

13. Upon information and belief, Elfra uses Sarnico as a "paying/receiving agent" or "pass through" entity such that it can insulate itself from creditors relating to its contracts.

Total

14. It is not general practice in the maritime community, nor any where else, for independent companies to make or receive large payments on behalf of other independent companies.

- 15. Payments sent or received on behalf of another independent company are suggestive of a relationship that is not "arms length."
- 16. Upon information and belief, Sarnico receives payments on Elfra's behalf where Sarnico has absolutely no contractual relationship to Elfra's creditors.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff was instructed that all hire payments under the above charter party were to be made to Sarnico's account.
- 18. Pursuant to the instructions, Plaintiff sent eight payments to Sarnico for hire related the Elfra charter.
 - 19. In the further alternative, Defendants are partners and/or joint venturers.
- 20. In the further alternative, Defendants are affiliated companies such that Sarnico is now, or will soon be, holding assets belonging to Elfra, or vice versa.
- 21. The Defendants cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendants have, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of one or more garnishees which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendants.
- 22. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching, *inter alia*, any assets of the Defendant(s) held by the aforesaid garnishee for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendants, and to secure the Plaintiff's claims as described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendants, citing them to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Amended Verified Complaint;
- B. That the Court retain jurisdiction to compel the Defendant(s) to arbitrate in accordance with the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.;
- C. That since the Defendants cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims; also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds held by any garnishee within the District which are due and owing to the Defendant(s), in the amount \$237,222.30 calculated to date to secure the Plaintiff's claims, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Amended Complaint;
- D. That this Court recognize and confirm any arbitration award(s) or judgment(s) rendered on the claims set forth herein as a Judgment of this Court
- E. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of any judgment or award associated with any of the claims currently pending, or which may be initiated in the future, including any appeals thereof;
 - F. That this Court award Plaintiff its attorney's fees and costs of this action; and
 - G. That the Plaintiff have such other, further and different relief as the Court

may deem just and proper.

Dated: September 5, 2007 New York, NY

> The Plaintiff, **CPM CORPORATION LIMITED**

By: Many Nancy R. Peterson (NP 2871)

Patrick F. Lennon (2162)

LENNON, MURPHY & LENNON, LLC

420 Lexington Ave., Suite 300

New York, NY 10170

(212) 490-6050 - phone (212) 490-6070 - fax

nrp@lenmur.com

pfl@lenmur.com

ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

State of New York)		•
)	35.1	New York
County of New York)		

- 1. My name is Nancy R. Peterson.
- I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this
 Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.
- 3. I am an attorney in the firm of Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff.
- 4. I have read the foregoing Amended Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
- 5. The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now within this District.
- 6. The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents and/or representatives of the Plaintiff.
 - 7. I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated: September 5, 2007 New York, NY

Nancy R. Peterson

EXHIBIT 1

☑007/015

CPM CORPERATION LTD.

M/V SEA POWER / CPM - C/P DD 17.07.2006 Delivery 17/08/2006 02:30 GMT (17/08/2006 05:30 LT) Re-dely 11/03/2007 03:25 GMT (11/03/2007 03:25 LT) 17/08/06 - 06/09/06 06/09/06 - 26/09/06 26/09/06 - 16/10/06 16/10/06 - 05/11/06 05/11/06 - 09/11/06 OFF-HIRE FOR REPAIRS FM 09/11/05 14:40 GMT 13/12/06 - 02/01/07 ON-HIRE FROM REPAIRS FM 13/12/05 14:40 GMT 02/01/07 - 22/01/07 22/01/07 - 11/02/07 11/02/07 - 03/03/07 03/03/07 - 11/03/07 172,5659 DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 1,294,244.25 (0.6424) DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 SINGAPORE 27-28/10/06 (4,818.00) (0.8042) DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 PASSAGE PARADIP-LANSHAN (6,031.25) (3.1875) DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 DHN ISPS CLEARANCE 30/JA (23,906.25) (0.4549) DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 DBN NO.3 DRRK BREAKDOWN (3,411.45) (1.0139) DAYS AT USD 7,500.00 LAGOS B/L ISSUE (7, 504.17) 166.4631 DAYS 1,248,473.13 COMMISSION 5% 62,423.65 BUNKERS ON DELIVERY 112.500 X USD 350.00 39,375.00 88.500 X USD 670.00 59,295,00 BUNKERS ON REDELIVERY 466.600 X USD 350.00 163,310.00 136.300 X USD 670.00 91,321.00 BUNKER CONSUMPTION DURING OFF-HIRE: SINGAPORE 27-28/10/05 3,283,00 PASSAGE PARADIP-LANSHAN IFO 4,113.90 PASSAGE PARADIP-LANSHAN MGO 110.55 ANCHORAGE DURBAN MGO 4,698.38 DBN DRRK B.DOWN MGO 570.46 LAGOS B/L ISSUE 1,494.47 CHRS' BUNKERS CONSUMED ON PASSAGE LANSHAN-CHENGXI-SHANGHAI: 53.351 X USD 350.00 IFO 18,672.68 50.616 X USD 670.00 MGO 33,912,72 ENTERTAINING/REPRESENTATION/VICTUALLING/COMMUNICATIONS 7,213.40 BUNKER SURVEY AT JIANGYIN 200.00 OWNERS' ITEMS: AQABA EST. various 2006-8-19 3,850.00 COCHIN

EST. f. water

2006-9-14

680.00

HALDIA	EST. f. water	2005-10-12	2 345.50	
PARADIP	EST. f.water	2006-10-21	240.42	
Lansham	IST. f.water	2006-11-9	150.00	
CHANGSHU	EST. various	2006-12-31	300.00	
DURBAN	EST.	•	500.00	•
SHANGHAI	EST.		500.00	
S.BAY	EST.		145.00	
LAGOS	EST.		500.00	
Tema	est.		500,00	
1,0 PCT ON OWNERS' ITEMS			77.11	
PAYMENTS ON OWNERS' ACCOUNT:		2006-8-24	238,086.32	
		2006-9-8	142,673.76	
	•	2006-9-29	143,366.67	
		2006-10-18	143,012.53	
		2006-12-22	104, 103.43	•
		2006-12-28	143,245.47	
		2007-1-19	143,184.87	
	•	2007-2-9	42,496.78	
		•	1.492.168.67	1,354,356.53

BALANCE

(137,812.14)